

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present were Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*, and Tracy Newhouse, City Attorney.

**PUBLIC HEARING: 2018 Budget** – Clerk-Treasurer Copley said the budget has been advertised on the Gateway website. The total amount advertised was \$8,812,932.00. That number has since been cut by approximately \$150,000.00. She asked for questions or comments. There were none. Conner moved to close the public hearing. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The ECDC signed a lease for the Workforce Training Center.
2. We had a budget workshop.
3. The County had an ambulance meeting Friday. The matter was taken under advisement.
4. Homecoming and Willkie Days were held last weekend.
5. The "Walk out of Darkness" was held Sunday.
6. Met with Russell Brown and the apartment developer today on the housing.
7. Tomorrow we will meet with the VA and the Indiana Department of Defense.
8. On the 25<sup>th</sup> we will meet with Randy Strouser and the former Mayor of Delphi to discuss corridor strategy.
9. On the 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. there will be a public hearing on the Cherry Street right of way.
10. October 5<sup>th</sup> we will have a meeting with Indot regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of Cherry Street.
11. October 6<sup>th</sup> is the Healthy Roots open house.
12. October 7<sup>th</sup> is the Chamber Annual Dinner featuring the Durbin Family.
13. October 10-12 is the Aim conference in Evansville.

14. October 17<sup>th</sup> we will meet with Jody Golden the director of Ocra.
15. The City Utilities have said they will try to have their budget to Council by October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
16. Passed around a packet regarding the Blue Ribbon lighting.
17. Yesterday we were awarded the art consultancy grant.
18. Sheehan has prepared the RFP for trash. Berkemeier asked that Newhouse review before sending it out.
19. Community Crossing update – We are about half way done with paving. We are discussing cutting back on fog sealing.
20. Council should have received information regarding a complaint from Crystal Woods.
21. An animal complaint was received from Windy Elsworth. Information was sent to Newhouse for review. Newhouse said there was not enough evidence to prove what happened.
22. There was an incident where a street department employee was hit with a piece of equipment. He is back at work. This has caused us to have safety discussions.

**CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT:** None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – We will meet Thursday.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The concert series for this year is over.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – There were meetings today regarding the jail and a housing subdivision.
- **City Center** – They will be on site this week.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – We are in the right of way phase.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Mayor Pavey reported in Chief Tucker’s absence. Some of the officers are taking part in a live fire training at Camp Atterbury.

They are making renovations to the evidence room.

Red Ribbon week is October 16-20.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller said heavy trash pick-up will be next week. He thanked Burklow for loaning him one of his employees to help out that week.

**Park** – The toddler zone is complete.

**Animal** – There will be an event on Saturday at Family Video from 12-3.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS:** Councilman Berkemeier received a complaint from Crystal Woods that Jerry Stevens, contractor, was making too much noise and had disturbing lighting very early in the morning near her home at a worksite. Berkemeier asked Council if they thought they should have set hours for construction. He said this would be for the protection of the citizens and to make things more comfortable for residents.

Jerry Stevens said he has always started early in the mornings on all of his projects and the only person ever to complain was Woods. Councilman Smith asked if Woods ever approached Stevens with the complaint. Stevens said not this time. Councilman Bridges said he was not sure an ordinance should be drafted since there has only been 1 complaint. Smith agreed. Bridges recommended not do anything at this time. Cameron moved to table for review by the city attorney. Conner seconded the motion. Councilman Berkemeier was opposed to the motion.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance 2017-17 Golf Cart Ordinance Amendment** – Conner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-17. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with Cameron opposing the motion.
2. **Unvaccinated Dog Fine Policy Update** – Due to Council not having a chance to review this will be discussed at the next meeting.
3. **Resolution 2017-29 – Renaming Community Park** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2017-29. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Ordinance Review or Creation** – Mayor Pavey said this was just a heads up that we will be discussing the matters.
  - a. **Sidewalk Removal** – Cameron and Newhouse are working on language.
  - b. **Metal Detectors in Park** – Ordinance follow up.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution 2017-28 Reduction in Spending for 2017** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2017-28. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2017-22 – Non Reverting Evidence Fund** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2017-22. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Smith moved to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** None.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.